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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the previous version of claim 6 and insert the amended version of claim 6 as follows: (Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a marked-up version of this claim is attached.)

6. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the liquid column chromatograph uses silica gel and/or alumina as a filler, and a mixed solution of hexane/ethanol in a volume proportion of 70/30 to 97/3 as an eluent.

Please add new claim 7 as follows:

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the liquid column chromatography uses silica gel and/or alumina as a filler, and a mixed solution of hexane/ethanol in a volume proportion of 70/30 to 97/3 as an eluent.

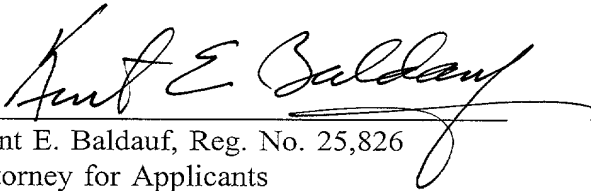
REMARKS

An amendment has been made to claim 6 in order to eliminate the multiple dependency. New claim 7 has been added to more fully define the invention.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 1-7 are respectfully requested.

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MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIM

6. (Amended) The method of claim 4 [or 5], wherein the liquid column chromatography uses silica gel and/or alumina as a filler, and a mixed solution of hexane/ethanol in a volume proportion of 70/30 to 97/3 as an eluent.

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